



Historical Tables of the Iowa Legislature

# Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives

1846 – 2017

| <b>Assembly</b> | <b>Years</b> | <b>Name</b>            | <b>Home County</b> |
|-----------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| 1               | 1846 – 1848  | Silas A. Hudson        | Des Moines         |
| 2               | 1848 – 1850  | William E. Leffingwell | Clinton            |
| 3               | 1850 – 1852  | C. C. Rockwell         | Jackson            |
| 4               | 1852 – 1854  | J. S. Booton           | Marion             |
| 5               | 1854 – 1856  | Charles C. Nourse      | Van Buren          |
| 6               | 1856 – 1858  | James W. Logan         | Muscatine          |
| 7               | 1858 – 1860  | W. P. Hepburn          | Marshall           |
| 8               | 1860 – 1862  | Charles Aldrich        | Hamilton           |
| 9               | 1862 – 1864  | Charles Aldrich        | Hamilton           |
| 10              | 1864 – 1866  | Jacob Rich             | Buchanan           |
| 11              | 1866 – 1868  | Charles Aldrich        | Hamilton           |
| 12              | 1868 – 1870  | M. C. Woodruff         | Hardin             |
| 13              | 1870 – 1872  | Charles Aldrich        | Marshall           |
| 14              | 1872 – 1874  | John J. Safely         | Wapello            |
| 15              | 1874 – 1876  | James M. Wear          | Buchanan           |
| 16              | 1876 – 1878  | James W. Logan         | Black Hawk         |
| 17              | 1878 – 1880  | William V. Lucas       | Cerro Gordo        |
| 18              | 1880 – 1882  | William V. Lucas       | Cerro Gordo        |
| 19              | 1882 – 1884  | E. C. Haynes           | Appanoose          |
| 20              | 1884 – 1886  | S. A. Foster           | Worth              |
| 21              | 1886 – 1888  | J. K. Powers           | Pottawattamie      |
| 22              | 1888 – 1890  | D. C. Kolp             | Ida                |
| 23              | 1890 – 1892  | H. S. Wilcox           | Polk               |

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|-----------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 24              | 1892 – 1894  | Charles Beverly     | Greene             |
| 25              | 1894 – 1896  | L. K. Wilson        | Madison            |
| 26              | 1896 – 1898  | J. D. Rowen         | Polk               |
| 27              | 1898 – 1900  | J. D. Rowen         | Polk               |
| 28              | 1900 – 1902  | S. M. Cart          | Warren             |
| 29              | 1902 – 1904  | C. R. Benedict      | Shelby             |
| 30              | 1904 – 1906  | C. R. Benedict      | Shelby             |
| 31              | 1906 – 1907  | C. R. Benedict      | Shelby             |
| 32              | 1907 – 1909  | C. R. Benedict      | Shelby             |
| 33              | 1909 – 1911  | C. R. Benedict      | Shelby             |
| 34              | 1911 – 1913  | C. R. Benedict      | Shelby             |
| 35              | 1913 – 1915  | A. C. Gustafson     | Montgomery         |
| 36              | 1915 – 1917  | W. C. Ramsay        | Wright             |
| 37              | 1917 – 1919  | W. C. Ramsay        | Wright             |
| 38              | 1919 – 1921  | W. C. Ramsay        | Wright             |
| 39              | 1921 – 1923  | A. C. Gustafson     | Polk               |
| 40              | 1923 – 1925  | A. C. Gustafson     | Polk               |
| 41              | 1925 – 1927  | A. C. Gustafson     | Polk               |
| 42              | 1927 – 1929  | A. C. Gustafson     | Polk               |
| 43              | 1929 – 1931  | A. C. Gustafson     | Polk               |
| 44              | 1931 – 1933  | Sam C. Ragan        | Keokuk             |
| 45              | 1933 – 1935  | Lloyd Ellis         | Lucas              |
| 46              | 1935 – 1937  | Virgil Lekin        | Iowa               |
| 47              | 1937 – 1939  | A. C. Gustafson     | Polk               |
| 48              | 1939 – 1941  | A. C. Gustafson     | Polk               |
| 49              | 1941 – 1943  | A. C. Gustafson     | Polk               |
| 50              | 1943 – 1945  | A. C. Gustafson     | Polk               |
| 51              | 1945 – 1947  | A. C. Gustafson     | Polk               |
| 52              | 1947 – 1949  | A. C. Gustafson     | Polk               |
| 53              | 1949 – 1951  | A. C. Gustafson     | Polk               |
| 54              | 1951 – 1953  | A. C. Gustafson     | Polk               |
| 55              | 1953 – 1955  | A. C. Gustafson     | Polk               |
| 56              | 1955 – 1957  | A. C. Gustafson     | Polk               |
| 57              | 1957 – 1959  | A. C. Gustafson     | Polk               |
| 58              | 1959 – 1961  | William R. Kendrick | Polk               |
| 59              | 1961 – 1963  | William R. Kendrick | Polk               |
| 60              | 1963 – 1965  | William R. Kendrick | Polk               |
| 61              | 1965 – 1967  | William R. Kendrick | Polk               |
| 62              | 1967 – 1969  | William R. Kendrick | Polk               |

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| 63              | 1969 – 1971  | William R. Kendrick             | Polk               |
| 64              | 1971 – 1973  | William R. Kendrick             | Polk               |
| 65              | 1973 – 1975  | William H. Harbor               | Mills              |
| 66              | 1975 – 1977  | David L. Wray                   | Polk               |
| 67              | 1977 – 1979  | David L. Wray                   | Polk               |
| 68              | 1979 – 1981  | David L. Wray                   | Polk               |
| 69              | 1981 – 1983  | Patricia H. Harper <sup>1</sup> | Polk               |
| 69              | 1981 – 1983  | Elizabeth A. Isaacson           | Polk               |
| 70              | 1983 – 1985  | Joseph O'Hern                   | Polk               |
| 71              | 1985 – 1987  | Joseph O'Hern                   | Polk               |
| 72              | 1987 – 1989  | Joseph O'Hern                   | Polk               |
| 73              | 1989 – 1991  | Joseph O'Hern                   | Polk               |
| 74              | 1991 – 1993  | Joseph O'Hern                   | Polk               |
| 75              | 1993 – 1995  | Elizabeth A. Isaacson           | Polk               |
| 76              | 1995 – 1997  | Elizabeth A. Isaacson           | Polk               |
| 77              | 1997 – 1999  | Elizabeth A. Isaacson           | Polk               |
| 78              | 1999 – 2001  | Elizabeth A. Isaacson           | Polk               |
| 79              | 2001 – 2003  | Margaret A. Thomson             | Polk               |
| 80              | 2003 – 2005  | Margaret A. Thomson             | Polk               |
| 81              | 2005 – 2007  | Margaret A. Thomson             | Polk               |
| 82              | 2007 – 2009  | Mark W. Brandsgard              | Polk               |
| 83              | 2009 – 2011  | Mark W. Brandsgard              | Polk               |
| 84              | 2011 – 2013  | W. Charles Smithson             | Polk               |
| 85              | 2013 – 2015  | Carmine R. Boal                 | Polk               |
| 86              | 2015 – 2017  | Carmine R. Boal                 | Polk               |
| 87              | 2017 – 2019  | Carmine R. Boal                 | Polk               |

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<sup>1</sup> In the 69th General Assembly, Patricia H. Harper served as chief clerk during the First Session (1981) and Elizabeth A. Isaacson served as chief clerk during the Second Session (1982).